

AUSTRALIAN SLOPER DIE CONFIGURATIONS

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This article is in response to Maurice Harp's questions in Bulletin 341, April 2006, page 14. The Sloper Workshop Impression Books refer to various types of machines/configurations for some perfin patterns. Some have complete strikes, that is, not just the one head of a multi-head die. Perhaps the custodian(s) of these books could provide further information on these.

The following table lists the Australian patterns I found in the Impression Books in 1993, which had descriptions or were known multi-headed dies. The descriptions are from the books.

SERIAL NUMBER	DATE OF MANUFACTURE	PERFIN	MACHINE TYPE	REMARKS
5457	February 1880	D&JF.1	No. 3 machine fitted with double stamp initialling die	2 heads, arranged vertically
7136	late 1890	BBLD.1	No. 4 initial machine	Pen illustration only
7174	early 1891	SH&CO.1	No. 5 initial machine	Made by (Mr) "Jones"
7422	c. April 1893	EBLTD.1	No. 4 initial machine	
7531	June 1894	B&A.1	No. 4 initial machine, open in front	
7548	July 1894	CD&CO.1	No. 5 initial machine	
7819 7820	March 1895	ER&COLD.1	No. 4 initial machine	
8209	mid 1896	GDCOA.1	No. 4 initial machine	
8210	mid 1896	GDCOP.1	No. 4 initial machine	
8544	24 June 1898	GSH.1	No. 5 initial machine	Originally made as "GH/S" in error
8545	24 June 1898	S&H.1	No. 4 initial machine	
8546	6 July 1898	DC&CO.2	4-over initial on No. 2 casting	Die 2 x 2
8577	14 March 1899	RH&S.1	On No. 4 casting	Die 4 x 1, horizontally
8989	24 Nov 1902	LS.2	Screwfly Bridge machine	Die 6 x 2
8999	20 January 1903	GDCO.1	Stamp initial machine, "£2 size"	
59801	20 October 1905	FAN.1	4-over initial machine, No. 3 casting	Die 4 x 1
60080	20 July 1906	WS&CO.1	4-over initial machine, No. 1 casting	Die 4 x 1
60832	23 March 1908	DJLTD.2	Small Bridge Screwfly machine	Die 6 x 2

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60845 60846	7 April 1908	DC&CO.1	No. 1 horizontal lever 4-over stamp perforating machines	Die 2 x 2 Replacements for Serial No. 8546
60920	9 October 1908	A&RLTD.1	Small Bridge Screwfly machine	Die 6 x 2
61646	31 January 1911	F&G.1	No. 1 4-over initial Machine	Die 2 x 2
61814	18 June 1912	TBS.2	Initial machine to perforate 4 stamps 3 thick	Die 2 x 2
61943	15 Sept 1913	MCIS.1	No. 4 initial machine to perforate 1 stamp, 4 thick	
(63256)	5 October 1923	(JD&CO.1)	4-over initial machine on No. 2 casting to perforate stamps 3 thick	Die 2 x 2 Used in UK
63282	7 December 1923	JD&CO.1	"the same in every respect as machine No. 63256"	
63369	24 June 1924	FAN.1	Horizontal link motion No. 1 machine to perforate 5 Australian stamps in a row as impression.	Die 5 x 1
63506 63507	23 March 1925	AH&S.1	Large special casting Bridge machine to perforate Australian Duty (63507) and postage stamps as particulars under..... (machines to perforate 5 sheets thick, separator to take 10 thicknesses) .. similar to a 6-over type die. Base of Screwfly Bridge Casting 26 x 7 inches.	Die 3 x 10 Die 10 x 5
63610	19 January 1926	<u>ES&COLTD.2</u>	No. 4 initial machine to perforate Australian stamps	
65913	8 April 1935	BW&CO.2	Postage stamp initialling machine to perforate 2 stamps 4 thick for <u>Australian</u> stamps. Horizontal lever.	Die 2 x 1
68941	(1949)	DJLTD.1	Lever machine	Die 3 x 2 Details from the perforator itself.